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SUBJECT: ECE 33RD SESSION: ENERGY

FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS THUS FAR IN TREATMENT OF
ENERGY ISSUES AT ECE 33RD SESSION:

1. IN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WHICH OPENED
ENERGY DEBATE IN THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE APRIL 14,
STANOVNIK ASKED FOR "CLEAR AND AFFIRMATIVE GUIDANCE"
FROM THE COMMISSION FOR FUTURE TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT
IN THE ECE. HE URGED DELEGATIONS WHICH HAD NOT YET
DONE SO TO CONTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY TO THE "NEW ISSUES"
STUDY. AS EARLIER IN HIS GENERAL STATEMENT TO THE
PLENARY, STANOVNIK DECLINED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL NEW
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENERGY, BUT ADDED: "THE
COMMISSION WELL KNOWS THAT I HAVE FAVORED FOR MANY
YEARS A MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT FOR THIS ACTIVITY.
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THIS IS A MATTER OF POLITICAL CONSENSUS WITHIN THE
COMMISSION, HOWEVER, AND I NEED NOT DWELL ON THIS
POINT."

2. EASTERN STATEMENTS ON ENERGY HAVE GENERALLY BEEN
LOW KEY. WHEN EASTERN DELEGATIONS HAVE MENTIONED
BREZHNEV-PROPOSED ENERGY CONFERENCE, IT HAS BEEN

SUBORDINATED TO ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH IS CLEARLY TOP PRIORITY FOR THE EAST AT THIS SESSION. EASTERN DELEGATIONS HAVE ALSO HESITATED TO LINK PROPOSED NEW PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODY ON ENERGY TO PREPARATORY WORK FOR POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENERGY. IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEE DEBATE ONLY HUNGARY SUGGESTED THAT SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENERGY "MIGHT" CONTRIBUTE TO PREPARATORY WORK FOR AN ENERGY CONFERENCE.

3. EC-9 STATEMENT ON ENERGY, READ IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEE BY BELGIUM, CONCLUDED BY ADVOCATING NEW PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODY, A SENIOR ADVISERS GROUP ON GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS. COMMUNITY ARGUED THAT SUCH BODY IS NEEDED IN VIEW OF "INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY QUESTIONS" AND IN ORDER TO "EXCHANGE INFORMATION, VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE AND SET THE TASKS WHICH THE COMMISSION COULD USEFULLY UNDERTAKE OR PURSUE IN THIS AREA." STATEMENT DID NOT MENTION ENERGY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EC-9 DRAFT DECISION ON ENERGY SUBMITTED TO WESTERN CAUCUS APRIL 17:

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

RECOGNIZING THE MAJOR IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
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CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF FULL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON RESOURCES, GOVERNMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES ON ENERGY MATTERS WITH A VIEW TO CLOSER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,

(1) ENDORSES THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMME OF WORK ON GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS IN THE ECE REGION (01.(C)) ON THE BASIS OF COMMISSION DECISION H (XXXII),

(2) DECIDES THAT THE SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENERGY, ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 1(XXXIII), SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE FOLLOWING:

(A) EXCHANGE INFORMATION, VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ON GENERAL ENERGY QUESTIONS INCLUDING RESOURCES, POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE ENERGY ECONOMIES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE REGION AND, IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH EXCHANGES, CONSIDER POSSIBLE METHODS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPING COOPERATION WITHIN ECE;

(B) FORMULATE A WORK PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO PROMOTE--
WITHOUT DUPLICATING ACTIVITIES OF EXISTING INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS --INTRA-REGIONAL COOPERATION IN
DEALING WITH GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS; IMPLEMENT, AFTER
ENDORSEMENT BY THE COMMISSION, SUCH A WORK PROGRAMME;

(C) COOPERATE WITH OTHER PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES ON
QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ENERGY SECTOR AS A WHOLE;

(D) COOPERATE WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN
DEALING WITH GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS.

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(3) NOTES THE WORK PROGRAMME PROPOSED IN ANNEX 1 OF
DOCUMENT E/ECE/946, AND INVITES THE SENIOR ADVISERS TO
ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENERGY TO CONSIDER IT IN THE LIGHT
OF VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE 33RD SESSION.
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